

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6860

Petitions of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.)
(VELCO), Vermont Transco, LLC, Green Mountain Power)
Corporation (GMP), and Central Vermont Public Service)
Corporation (CVPS) for a certificate of public good,)
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing VELCO to)
construct the so-called Northwest Vermont Reliability)
Project, said project to include: (1) upgrades at 12 existing)
VELCO and GMP substations located in Charlotte, Essex,)
Hartford, New Haven, North Ferrisburgh, Poultney,)
Shelburne, South Burlington, Vergennes, West Rutland,)
Williamstown, and Williston, Vermont; (2) the construction)
of a new 345 kV transmission line from West Rutland to)
New Haven; (3) the reconstruction of a portion of a 34.5 kV)
and 46 kV transmission line from New Haven to South)
Burlington; and (4) the reconductoring of a 115 kV)
transmission line from Williamstown to Barre, Vermont)

Order entered: 2/19/2008

ORDER RE SOUTH BURLINGTON LINE DESIGN MODIFICATIONS

On January 17, 2008, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. ("VELCO") filed proposed line design modifications for the 115 kV transmission line in the City of South Burlington. The Public Service Board ("Board") established a deadline of February 4, 2008, for any comments on VELCO's filing.

The Department of Public Service filed comments contending that there appears to be an error in one of the attachments to the January 17 filing. The Department recommends that, subject to the error being corrected, the Board approve the January 17 plans but allow the opportunity for post-construction review and possible additional aesthetic mitigation. No other party filed comments on the January 17 filing.

On February 13, 2008, VELCO filed a letter stating that the Department is correct that the January 18 filing contained an error and filed a corrected exhibit.

The Board accepts the Department's recommendation. The Board has previously retained the authority to require additional aesthetic mitigation after construction is complete. This action has been required because it is oftentimes difficult to determine the full extent of the visual impacts of the project without viewing the completed construction work. We intend for this to be the standard practice for reviewing the aesthetic impacts of this project. Therefore, VELCO's January 17, 2008, line design modifications for the 115 kV transmission line in South Burlington, are approved, with the Board retaining the authority to require additional, post-construction aesthetic mitigation if warranted. Within 30 days of the completion of construction of this portion of the line, including all landscaping and mitigation, VELCO shall notify the Board of the completion of construction. The Board will schedule a post-construction site visit to review the completed construction. Also, VELCO must file a revised plan that corrects the apparent error identified by the Department or an explanation as to why the plan submitted is correct.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 19th day of February, 2008.

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s/ David C. Coen)	BOARD
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s/ John D. Burke)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: February 19, 2008

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

NOTICE TO READERS: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board (by e-mail, telephone, or in writing) of any apparent errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made. (E-mail address: psb.clerk@state.vt.us)

Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.